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SUBJ: "PURGE" IN ANAPO

1. THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF COLOMBIA'S FADING THIRD POLIT PARTY, THE NATIONAL POPULAR ALLIANCE (ANAPOL), RECENTLY TOOK STEPS WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE SIGNALLED A STOP TO THE PARTY'S DRIFT TOWARD IDENTIFICATION WITH THE FAR LEFT.

2. IN A DOCUMENT ENTITLED "POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CLARITY," ISSUED BY THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP, ALL THOSE NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE CURRENT PARTY LINE WERE CALLED UPON TO LEAVE THE RANKS. THE DOCUMENT WAS AIMED AT SEN JAIME PIEDRAHITA CARDONA AND REPS ORLANDO DURANGO, JOSE ROBERTO VELEZ AND JAIME PENESSOL, ALL OF WHOM ARE LEFTIST "ANAPISTAS" FROM THE DEPT OF ANTIOQUIA. THE FOUR PARTY MEMBERS HAD ACTIVELY SOUGHT A COALITION OF ANAPOL WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE PEKING-ORIENTED INDEPENDENT AND REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS MOVEMENT (MOIR). SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF THE DOCUMENT, THE FOUR MEMBERS HAVE CEASED OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH THE PARTY.

3. ACCORDING TO A RANKING MEMBER OF ANAPOL THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP ALSO SENT A MESSAGE TO MEMBERS THOROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY INFORMING THEM THAT THE NEWSPAPER MAYORIAS, PUBLISHED BY LEFT-WING EXTRE-
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MISTS CLAIMING TO BE THE VOICE OF ANAPOL, WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL

PARTY ORGAN. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE PAPER NOT BE READ BY THE PARTY FAITHFUL. MAYORIAS IS REPORTEDLY SUPPORTED BY FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNIST BLOC.

4. AN EMB SOURCE STATED THAT THE MOVES BY THE LEADERSHIP WERE THE CULMINATION OF A STRUGGLE WITHIN THE PARTY BETWEEN THE LEFT AND THE MODERATE SECTOR, WHICH WAS WON BY THE MODERATES. ADDITIONAL "PURGES" ARE EXPECTED SOON, ACCORDING TO THE CONTACT, ESPECIALLY AMONG ANAPO YOUTH WHO ARE ALLEGED TO BE DOMINATED BY MARXISTS. VAKY

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